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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 October 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-6,22,24-26 and 33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 22,24-26 and 33 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Claim 5 has been amended as requested in the amendment of Paper filed on October 14, 2004. Claims 1, 3-6, 22, 24-26 and 33 are pending in the instant application.

Claims 1, 3-6, 22, 24-26 and 33 are under examination in the instant office action.

2. The Text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

3. Any objection or rejection of record, which is not expressly repeated in this action has been overcome by Applicant's response and withdrawn.

4. Applicant's arguments filed on October 14, 2004 have been fully considered but they are not deemed to be persuasive for the reasons set forth below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. Claims 1 and 3-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement for those reasons of record in section 7 of Paper No. 15 and in section 5 of Paper mailed on June 14, 2004. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Applicant traverses the rejection on the premises that "the Application describes the invention as covering the subject sequences as well as "homologues thereof" (bottom at page 4 of the Response) and further, that "[h]omology is [described as] preferably at least 95%

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homology to a nucleotide sequence coding for the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2 or 6” (top at page 5 of the Response). These arguments have been fully considered but are not deemed to be persuasive for the following reasons.

Claims 1 and 3-6 are directed to polynucleotides which have 95% identity to polynucleotides having SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 5 or to polynucleotides encoding polypeptides of SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 6 or to a cDNA contained in an ATCC Deposit, wherein these sequence encode a leukotriene receptor that is activated by leukotriene C4 or leukotriene D4. As fully explained in the previous communications of record, the instant specification, as filed, fails to provide identification of any particular portion of the structure that must be conserved and is representative of the recited 95% identity, which correlates with the recited functional limitation, or examples of the claimed species. Thus, for purposes of the ‘written description’ inquiry, the specification does not “clearly allow persons of ordinary skill in the art to recognize that [he or she] invented what is claimed.” (See *Vas-Cath* at page 1116). Based on the information provided in the instant specification, as filed, a skilled artisan cannot envision the detailed chemical structure of the encompassed claimed genus of molecules, and therefore conception is not achieved. Applicant is reminded that adequate written description requires more than a mere statement that it is part of the invention and reference to a potential method of isolating it, or, such as in the instant case, recitation of percent identity without demonstrating that particular structure, which is specifically associated with the recited function.

With respect to Applicant’s reference to *In re Wallach*, the Examiner maintains that the rejection never stated that the representative number of species is required for providing adequate written description of the claimed genus of polynucleotides. However, it is one of the

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factors to be considered among other factors, such as disclosure of complete or partial structure, physical and/or chemical properties, functional characteristics, structure/function correlation, methods of making the claimed product, or any combination thereof. In this case, the only factor present in the claim is a partial structure in the form of a recitation of percent identity.

Therefore, it was concluded that claims 1 and 3-6 do not meet the written description provision of 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Conclusion

6. Claims 1 and 3-6 are rejected. Claims 22, 24-26 and 33 are allowed.

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Olga N. Chernyshev whose telephone number is (571) 272-0870. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.


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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brenda G. Brumback can be reached on (571) 272-0961. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Certain papers related to this application may be submitted to Technology Center 1600 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Technology Center 1600 via the PTO Fax center located in Crystal Mall 1 (CM1). The faxing of such papers must conform with the notices published in the Official Gazette, 1156 OG 61 (November 16, 1993) and 1157 OG 94 (December 28, 1993) (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.6(d)). NOTE: If Applicant *does* submit a paper by fax, the original signed copy should be retained by Applicant or Applicant's representative. NO DUPLICATE COPIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED so as to avoid the processing of duplicate papers.

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